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FOLLOWING SENT BANGKOK, RANGOON FROM SECSTATE ON AUG 02, RPTD
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SUBJ: CAPTURE OF LO HSING-HAN

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY CALLED IN BURMESE AMBASSADOR LWIN
AND THAI CHARGE WICHIAN JULY 31 TO CONVEY CONGRATULATIONS
ON RECENT CAPTURE OF LO HSING-HAN. ALSO PRAISE RTG/GUB
COOPERATION EXHIBITED IN THAT OPERATION, EXPRESSED HOPE
IT WOULD CONTINUE AND EXPAND, AND ASSURED THEM OF USG
DESIRE TO SUPPORT THEIR EFFORTS IN ANY WAY WE CAN.
(AMBASSADOR HANDLEY AND EA/TB DIRECTOR DEXTER ALSO
PRESENT).

2. AMBASSADOR LWIN (WHO SEEMS NOT WELL INFORMED ON RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS) EXPLAINED IN GENERAL TERMS SOME OF THE WELL
KNOWN FACTORS IMPEDING NARCOTICS CONTROL IN BURMA, POINT-
ING FINGER ESPECIALLY AT "KMT" (CIF) REMNANTS. RECALLED
GUB EFFORTS OVER THE YEARS TO CURB TRAFFICKING AND
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PROMOTE CROP SUBSTITUTION BUT EMPHASIZED STANDARD

BURMESE VIEW THAT NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION IS AN INTERNAL PROBLEM THAT THEY INTEND TO SOLVE PRIMARILY BY THEMSELVES. ON THE OTHER HAND HE ACKNOWLEDGED NEED FOR BURMESE/THAI COOPERATION.

3. WICHIAN VOICED APPRECIATION FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY'S FELICITATIONS, NOTING THAT TIMING OF LO'S ARREST WAS FORTUNATE IN HELPING OFFSET ADVERSE IMPACT OF WOLF

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT. SPOKE REGRETFULLY OF U.S. CRITICISM OF THAI ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS AND SAID HE HOPED DEPARTMENT WOULD HELP SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. PRAISED EMBASSY BANGKOK'S PUBLIC STATEMENT OF JULY 25 ON WOLF REPORT.

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